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TO:	Mr. Russ Neely Mr. Greg Jones Office of Management and Budget New Executive Office Building Washington, D.C.
<p>Gentlemen:</p> <p>Per our conversations, I'm sending the unclassified letter to Greg and the classified supplement to Russ. Please call me if you have any questions.</p> <p>As you know, the hearing is Friday morning, 10: </p> <p style="text-align: center;">Legislation Division Office of Congressional Affrs</p> <p>Attachment (Classif. att. only to Neely)</p>	

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The Honorable Glenn English, Chairman
Subcommittee on Government Information,
Justice and Agriculture
Committee on Government Operations
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This letter is in response to your request in our telephone conversation of 5 May 1987 for an unclassified statement that could be used in the record of your hearings on 8 May regarding the National Drug Policy Board. I appreciate the opportunity you and your subcommittee have provided us to put in writing, and for the record, this Agency's experience with the National Drug Policy Board and its predecessor organization, the National Drug Enforcement Policy Board.

As you know, the National Drug Enforcement Policy Board, created by the National Narcotics Act of 1984, called for the Director of Central Intelligence (DCI) to be a member of that organization. When the new and expanded National Drug Policy Board was created on 26 March 1987 by a Presidential Executive Order, it similarly called for membership by the DCI.

I believe that the DCI's membership on the National Drug Policy Board, hereafter referred to as the Board, is entirely proper and consistent with the laws and policies that define CIA's proscribed relationships with law enforcement agencies. While the National Security Act of 1947 prohibits CIA from exercising police or law enforcement powers and bars the Agency from undertaking any activity solely for law enforcement purposes, it does not preclude the dissemination of intelligence by CIA to law enforcement agencies that is relevant to their authorized responsibilities.

In a similar vein, it should be noted that Executive Order 12333, as implemented by internal CIA procedures approved by the Attorney General and the DCI, authorized CIA to collect, retain, and disseminate information concerning the foreign aspects of international narcotics activities. Also under E.O.

12333, CIA may provide limited assistance to law enforcement agencies if there is an independent intelligence interest in conducting such activities.

Finally, and certainly relevant to the issue at hand, the National Security Decision Directive 221 of April 1986 directs the DCI to enhance support for the enforcement effort against international drug traffickers and to ensure that special emphasis is given to obtaining, assessing, and reporting foreign intelligence on all aspects of the international drug trade.

Over the past two plus years, the experience of the CIA with the Board has been a positive one. For its part, the Agency representatives at the Board and subgroup activities, e.g., the National Intelligence Officer for Narcotics is a member of the Drug Enforcement Coordinating Group, perceive themselves as appropriately involved and contributing to those Board issues calling for a strategic intelligence input. While not a substitute for the necessary bilateral interactions between the Agency and the Department of State or the Agency and the key law enforcement agencies, the Board's activities, nevertheless, provide a vital forum for registering strategic intelligence and national security insights and requirements before the entire mix of concerned organizations. Also, the Board appears to be the proper forum before which the Agency can present its worldwide drug threat assessment and, in so doing, set the strategic agenda for the participating agencies.

Not all of the issues presented to the Board are matters toward which the Agency can make particularly meaningful contributions, i.e., drug demand reduction problems, the shortage of jail cells, etc. On the other hand, where we can contribute on matters bearing upon the international aspects of the national drug strategy, there is always a predisposition here to provide products of the highest quality and professionalism. I sincerely believe that our regular worldwide drug threat briefings and the work done on the recently-completed intelligence sections of the "National and International Drug Law Enforcement Strategy" are examples falling into that category.

Pursuant to your request, I am arranging for you to receive a classified document which will portray the nature of the sensitive support we have been providing to the Department of State and to the drug law enforcement agencies.

Sincerely,

David D. Gries
Director of Congressional Affairs

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